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--5. (amended) Process as claimed in claim 1, wherein in at least one wall of the hollow section strip(s) (1) steps (6) are produced to form the edges (7) which are set back relative to the end faces (5).--

[Amend claim 6 as follows:]

--6. (amended) Process as claimed in claim 1, wherein in at least one wall of the hollow section strip(s) (1) grooves (11) are produced to form the edges (7) which are set back relative to the end faces (5).--

[Amend claim 7 as follows:]

--7. Process as claimed in claim 1, wherein when hollow section strip(s) (1) which are intended as spacers of insulating glass are joined or when the ends of a hollow section strip (1) which has been formed into a frame-like spacer are joined, the edges (7) which are set back relative to the end faces (5) of the ends of the hollow section strip(s) (1) to be joined to one another are produced on the surface (2) of the hollow section strip (1) which lies to the inside in the insulating glass.--

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R E M A R K S

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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3. Process as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, wherein the ends of the hollow section strip(s) (1) are moved so close to one another during the welding process that the edges (7) touch one another.
4. Process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the edges (7) are produced by machining at least one wall of the hollow section strip(s) (1).
5. Process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein in at least one wall of the hollow section strip(s) (1) steps (6) are produced to form the edges (7) which are set back relative to the end faces (5).
6. Process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein in at least one wall of the hollow section strip(s) (1) grooves (11) are produced to form the edges (7) which are set back relative to the end faces (5).
7. Process as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein when hollow section strip(s) (1) which are intended as spacers of insulating glass are joined or when the ends of a hollow section strip (1) which has been formed into a frame-like spacer are joined, the edges (7) which are set back relative to the end faces (5) of the ends of the hollow section strip(s) (1) to be joined to one another are produced on the surface (2) of the hollow section strip (1) which lies to the inside in the insulating glass.